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### AT MATINS.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

*V.* O Lord, open Thou my lips.

*R.* And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

*V.* O God incline unto my aid.

*R.* O Lord make haste to help me.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

*R.* As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

### HYMN.

- 1 To Thee, O God, we chant our praise,  
(Wondrous in thought, in deed, and ways),  
For those bright Angels' glorious bands,  
Who guard us by Thy sweet commands.
- 2 When we poor feeble children wake,  
When thro' the day our course we take;  
In joy, or in temptation's hour,  
We feel Thy blessed Angel's power.

*Anth.* O Holy Angels our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment !

℣. In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee my God.

℞. I will adore at Thy holy temple and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

AT PRIME.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

℞. And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

℣. O God incline unto my aid.

℞. O Lord make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c.

℞. As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

- 1 O God at Thy right hand erewhile,  
A mighty Angel once did smile,  
But pride arose within, and war,  
And fell from Heaven that Morning-Star !
- 2 Now Lucifer is Satan fell,  
We know his cruel wiles too well ;  
Then help us Angels ever bright,  
That we may put him aye to flight !

*Anth.* O Holy Angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment !

*V.* In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee my God.

*R.* I will adore at Thy holy Temple and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

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#### AT TIERCE.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

*V.* O Lord, open Thou my lips.

*R.* And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

*V.* O God incline unto my aid.

*R.* O Lord make haste to help me.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

*R.* As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

#### HYMN.

- 1 Great Angel of our Fathers' Isle,  
Beg Mary grant one pleading smile,  
That England be once more the gem  
Long lost from Peter's diadem.
- 2 Dear Guardian Angels, lend your aid  
That peace with holy Church be made,

That England's power the Cross once more  
May bear to every distant shore.

*Anth.* O holy Angels, our guardians, defend us  
in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful  
judgment !

*V.* In the sight of the Angels I will sing to  
Thee my God.

*R.* I will adore at Thy holy Temple and confess  
to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has  
vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our  
guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be  
always defended by their protection, and to enjoy  
their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ,  
Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

AT SEXT.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over  
thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

*V.* O Lord open Thou my lips.

*R.* And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

*V.* O God incline unto my aid.

*R.* O Lord make haste to help me.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

*R.* As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

I Jesus, our God, again to Thee  
We turn that Thou mayest set us free  
The Lion walketh now abroad,  
Let Angels stand beside our road.

- 2 "They in their hands," (Thou once didst say,  
"Shall bear My own both night and day,  
"And ever in My dwelling-place  
"Their Angels see My Father's Face."

*Anth.* O holy Angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment!

℣. In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee, my God.

℞. I will adore at Thy holy Temple, and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

AT NONE.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

℞. And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

℣. O God incline unto my aid.

℞. O Lord make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c.

℞. As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

## HYMN.

- 1 Archangel Michael, thy bright spear  
And silver trump thy name declare;  
Where thou dost come dark Satan flies,  
And hope and strength once more arise!
- 2 On Nebo's Mount, with Satan dread,  
Thou foughtest for the holy Dead;  
Then at the Judgment's awful day,  
O! fight for us and be our stay.

*Anth.* O holy Angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment!

℣. In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee, my God.

℞. I will adore at Thy holy temple and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## AT VESPERS.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

℞. And my tongue shall declare Thy praise.

℣. O God incline unto my aid.

℞. O Lord make haste to help me.

*V.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

*R.* As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.

# HYMN.

- 1 Sweet Gabriel! by thy golden hair,  
Thy pure deep eyes, and face so fair,  
Thy folded wings, thy lily flower,  
We know and hail Redemption's hour.
- 2 "Ave!" from thy blest lips first heard,  
Is now our cherished household word;  
We cannot love thee, then too well,  
O! Mary's Angel Gabriel.

*Anth.* O holy Angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment!

*V.* In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee my God.

*R.* I will adore at Thy holy Temple and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

# AT COMPLINE.

*Anth.* God hath given His Angels charge over thee, that they keep thee in all thy ways. Amen.

*V.* Convert us, O God, our Saviour.

*R.* And avert Thy anger from us!

℣. O God incline unto my aid.

℞. O Lord make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c.

℞. As it was in the beginning, &c.

#### HYMN.

- 1 Dread Raphael! whose pitying hand  
Brings health and safety to each land,  
Draw near at Even while we pray  
That thou wilt guide us on our way.
- 2 In other likeness thou didst lead,  
Young Tobit for his father's need;  
Let us poor exiles no more roam,  
Lead England to her fathers' home.

*Anth.* O holy Angels, our guardians, defend us in the combat, that we perish not in the dreadful judgment!

℣. In the sight of the Angels I will sing to Thee my God.

℞. I will adore at Thy holy Temple and confess to Thy name.

Let us pray.

O God, whose unspeakable Providence has vouchsafed to appoint Thy Angels to be our guardians, grant to Thy humble suppliants to be always defended by their protection, and to enjoy their everlasting society, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### COMMENDATION.

- 1 Now Holy Angels, as is meet,  
We lay our wreath at your dear feet,  
A lowly wreath, both scant and poor,  
But ye will take, and give us more.



- 2 Let us no more from Jesus stray,  
But love Him more each week and day;  
At death's cold hour O let us frame  
Our loving Jesus' holy Name.
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## LITANY OF THE HOLY ANGEL-GUARDIAN.

Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

Christ have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

Christ hear us.

*Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Queen of Angels,

Holy Angel, my guardian,

Holy Angel, my prince,

Holy Angel, my monitor,

Holy Angel, my counsellor,

Holy Angel, my defender,

Holy Angel, my steward,

Holy Angel, my friend,

Holy Angel, my negotiator,

Holy Angel, my intercessor,

Holy Angel, my patron,

Holy Angel, my director,

Holy Angel, my ruler,

*Have mercy  
on us.*

*Pray for us.*

Holy Angel, my protector,  
 Holy Angel, my comforter,  
 Holy Angel, my brother,  
 Holy Angel, my teacher,  
 Holy Angel, my shepherd,  
 Holy Angel, my witness,  
 Holy Angel, my helper,  
 Holy Angel, my watcher,  
 Holy Angel, my conductor,  
 Holy Angel, my preserver,  
 Holy Angel, my instructor,  
 Holy Angel, my enlightener,

}  
*Pray for us.*  
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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Christ hear us.

*Christ graciously hear us.*

℣. Pray for us, O holy Angel-guardian.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in the counsel of Thy ineffable goodness, hast appointed to all the faithful, from their mother's womb, a special Angel-guardian of their body and soul; grant that I may so love and honour him whom

Thou hast so mercifully given me, that, protected by the bounty of Thy grace, and by his assistance, I may merit to behold, with him and all the Angelic Host, the glory of Thy countenance in the Heavenly Country. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER TO ONE'S ANGEL-GUARDIAN.

O most faithful companion, appointed by God to be my Guardian, my Protector and Defender, and who never leavest my side; how shall I thank thee for thy faithfulness and love, and for all the benefits which thou hast conferred upon me? Thou watchest over me while I sleep; thou comfortest me when I am sad; thou liftest me up when I am down; thou avertest the dangers that threaten me; thou warnest me of those that are to come; thou withdrawest me from sin, and excitest me to good; thou exhortest me to penance when I fall, and reconcilest me to God. Long ago should I have been thrust down into hell, unless by thy prayers thou hadst turned away from me the anger of God. Leave me not, nor forsake me ever, I beseech thee; but still comfort me in adversity, restrain me in prosperity, defend me in danger, assist me in temptations, lest at any time I fall beneath them. Offer up in the sight of the Divine Majesty my prayers and groanings, and all my works of piety, and make me to persevere in grace, until I come to everlasting life. Amen.





















